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SUBJECT: BEIRUT EVACUATION

1. IN INTEREST OF RAPID REPORTING ON SAFE ARRIVAL OF CONVOY IN SYRIAN-CONTROLLED TERRITORY, DOES EMBASSY PLAN TO SEND AN OFFICER FORWARD WHO COULD TELEPHONE EMBASSY, PERHAPS FROM BORDER?

2. THERE IS INTEREST IN DEPT. ON DETAILS OF SYRIAN PROCESSING OF EVACUEES AND OF HOW THEIR ONWARD MOVEMENT IN SYRIA, AFTER CROSSING BORDER, IS HANDLED. FOR EXAMPLE, WE ASSUME BORDER PROCESSING FOR SO LARGE A NUMBER WILL BE LENGTHY AND WE WONDER IF SARG PLANS TO AUGMENT ITS CUSTOMS

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IMMIGRATION STAFF AT THE BORDER FOR THE OCCASION. WILL

CONVOY STAY TOGETHER AFTER ENTERING SYRIA, PERHAPS GATHERING
AT SOME CENTRAL POINT BEFORE BREAKING UP? WILL THOSE
GOING DIRECTLY ONWARD BY AIR GO DIRECTLY FROM BORDER TO
AIRPORT AS GROUP? THESE AND OTHER DETAILS WOULD BE
APPRECIATED. KISSINGER

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